

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 remain in the present application, with claims 11-23 being canceled by the present Supplemental Amendment without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1 and 5 are still the sole remaining independent claims.

CLAIM 4 NOT CANCELED

In the Amendment dated April 24, 2003, in the section entitled "IN THE CLAIMS", Applicants inadvertently indicated that claim 4 should be canceled. However, throughout the body of the Amendment, Applicants refer to claims 1-6 (on page 3 when the claims are initially introduced, and on page 7 in the "CONCLUSION" where allowance of the claims is requested), indicating that claim 4 has not been canceled. Applicants hereby submit the present Supplemental Amendment to clarify any confusion which may have been raised by the Amendment of April 24, 2003, and to emphasize that claim 4 of the application has not been canceled and remains pending in the present application.

CLAIMS 11-23 HAVE BEEN CANCELED

In addition, in the present Supplemental Amendment, Applicants wish to cancel claims 11-23 in connection with the present application without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, and in view of the amendments and remarks submitted in the Amendment of April 24, 2003, withdrawal of all outstanding objections and allowance of each of claims 1-6 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

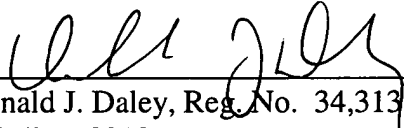
Further, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, if, for some reason, claim 4 has been canceled and cannot be reinstated in connection with the present application. At that time, Applicants would want to add a new claim 24, identical to claim 4, in order to take the place of claim 4. Thus, if there is any problems with claim of the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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